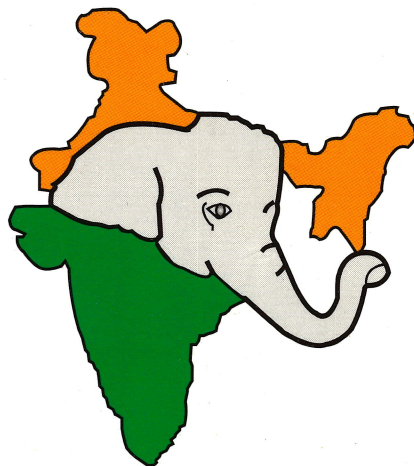


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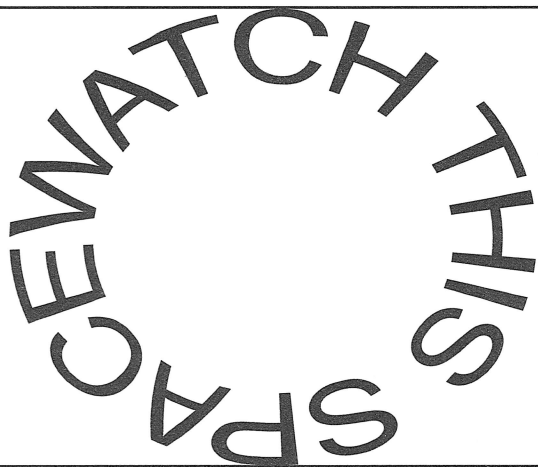
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 * Dear Members,
 * Kathy left the January newsletter in my
 * care while she is away in Thailand –
 * I hope she is back soon though!
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 * This month we are going to be busy
 * looking for “willing” members to become
 * the new Executive Committee for 2001.
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 * The AGM will be held in March and the
 * Nominations Committee may approach
 * **YOU** to stand for one of the four
 * positions!
 * There is a brief description of the role of
 * each position on page 32.
 *
 * We will introduce the nominees to you in
 * the February issue.
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 * The new, updated Directories are now
 * available for collection, either at the
 * office, or at the meeting.
 *
 * Sue Lohage
 * * * * *

Delhi Network meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Entrance to a meeting is Rs 150 for members and Rs 200 for non-members. Annual membership is Rs 300. You can become a member at any monthly meeting or at the Delhi Network office. Delhi Network Handbooks are available for purchase at all meetings or at the office: cost Rs 300 for members and Rs 400 for non-members.

The Delhi Network office is located in the Hyatt's Shopping Arcade. The Office Manager is Sandra Buhler. Office hours are 10 am to 2 pm, Monday to Friday. Stop in for free advice, a newsletter or a Delhi Network Handbook if you missed the last meeting, or to drop off your newsletter contributions. We are seeking volunteers to work in the office. If you're interested (and it is a good way to meet new people), contact Sandra.

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From Your President



Happy New Year to you all - I hope you had a very good Christmas and New Year celebration, either back 'home' with relatives or here in Delhi with friends.

Our U.K. trip came and went much too quickly. We did experience several seasons though, bright and sunny on our arrival then wet and cloudy followed by

very cold winds, then frosts, which is all very picturesque if you aren't planning a journey. Finally snow that came the day before we left. It all looked very Christmas card like.

Back to reality now, I think!

You are probably unaware that Rachael (Hoffman) our Secretary for Delhi Network left India just a day or two after the Christmas lunch. Rachael and Carsten have taken a posting in Beijing. Rachael was a short stay Expat in comparison to some of our members, but got involved with Delhi Network quickly and we appreciated all her help. Thank you Rachael!. We wish her and her husband good luck in their new country.


Please make a note in your diaries for Tuesday 30th January.

This is usually a **newcomers coffee morning** at the Hyatt, but ALL Delhi Network members and newcomers have been invited to a complimentary (free) morning tea at the Taj Palace Hotel from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. The Taj Group would like to give us a short presentation on the hotels and leisure facilities they have in and around India.

Please come along - I repeat it is free.

Thank you, see you at the meeting.

Brenda.

Neighbourhood Co-ordinators			Support Groups by Nationality
Your co-ordinator is here to help you settle into your new home. Give her a call and introduce yourself and find out who else lives in your area and when the next meeting is going to be held.			American Women's Association (AWA): American passport holders or their spouses can join. Call the AWA office at 419-8000 ext. 4131 or 8509 between 9 am and 4.30 pm Mon-Fri. Talk to Barnali or an AWA officer.
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West End/Shanti Niketan/ Anand Niketan/Aradhana Enclave/Safdarjung Enclave	Terri Levan	467-1819	Nederlandse Vereniging New Delhi: Organiseert diverse evenementen en een maandelijks borrel. Als je lid wilt worden, of gewoon informatie wilt, bel Nanette Hulshof op 460-1660 of Gerco de Jong op 688-4951(off)/614-9704 (res).
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Please, we need your contributions for the newsletter. Send them to Kathy Pritchard at kprit@ndf.vsnl.net.in
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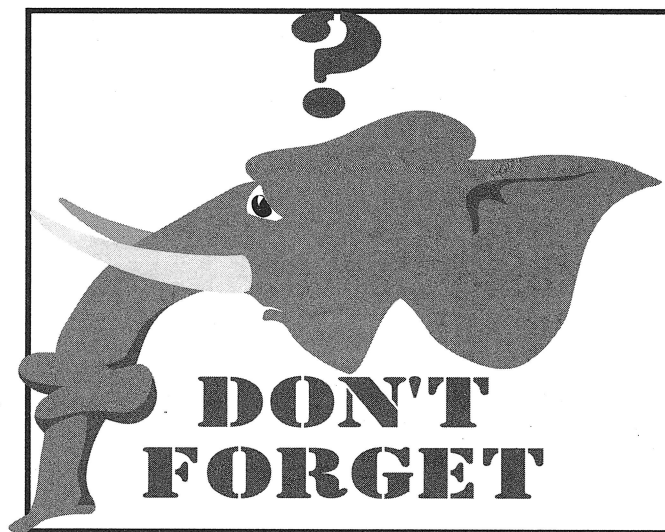
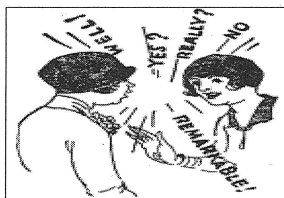
THERE IS STILL 1 VACANCY FOR A NEIGHBOURHOOD LEADER. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER , PLEASE CONTACT JACKIE VAN OMMEN OR BRENDA BEARDS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 16th January

Delhi Network Meeting

Hyatt Regency Hotel
10 AM Meeting



International Food Fair
American Embassy School
January 20,

Tuesday 20th February

Delhi Network Meeting

Hyatt Regency
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10 AM Meeting



January 30th

Morning Tea

Presentation by the Taj Group

10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Taj Palace Hotel

The 2001 **Burns Night Ball** will be held on
Saturday, January 27th at the Hyatt Regency
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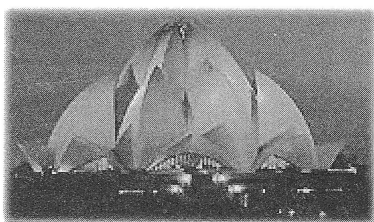
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national capital territory of delhi

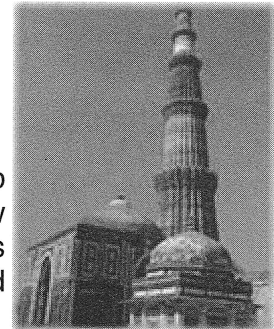


The earliest known capital city of Indraprastha was founded by the Pandavas in c1450BC. Maya, the Danava architect built a splendid palace and court for them. Recent finds support the view that it was located in the Purana Qila area.

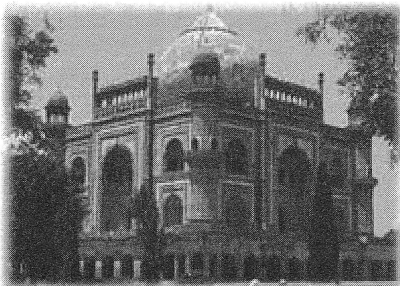
There are various views as to how Delhi, the capital of Indian Subcontinent, derived its name. It may have come from Raja Dillu's Dilli, c100BC, which was sited just east of Lalkot, or from Dhillba founded by the Tomar Rajputs in c736AD. And some say it came from the medieval town of Dhillika located near present date Mehrauli.

Other cities recorded are Surajpal's Surajkund c1024 AD, Qila Lal Kot c1024 AD which was built by Anangpal and Qila Rai Pithora c1170 AD of the brave and daring king Prithviraj Chauhan.

In the same area Qutb-ud-din-Aibak built his citadel and the Qutb Minar in the year 1199. He completed 3 storeys and his son-in-law Iltutmish, added the fourth. It was damaged by lightning in the years 1326 & 1366. Firoz Shah Tughlaq repaired the damage and added the fifth storey. It stands 72 metres high.



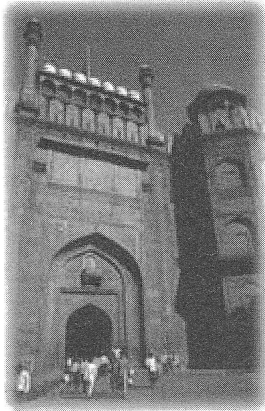
Ala-ud-Din-Khilji built a new capital for himself at Siri, c1302 AD. His palace of a thousand pillars saw many triumphs and tragedies, but has since completely gone to ruins. It was Ala-ud-Din-Khilji who built the magnificent tank called Hauz Khas. At that time it had enough water to meet the needs of the city.



Ghiyas-ud-Din-Tughluq, in c1320 moved south and built the fort city of Tughlakabad on the rocky southern ridge. It has massive bastions and walls. Though strategically located, it was deserted within 5 years perhaps because of a shortage of water.

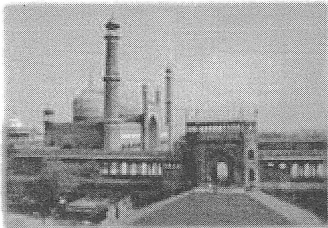
Muhammad Shah Tughluq first built Adilabad just south of Tughlakabad but soon abandoned it. He moved north and gave his city the name of Jahanpanah (asylum of the world) in 1334 AD. Using the fortifications of the older cities, it had 13 gates. His son, Firuz Shah Tughluq, did not want to be left behind, so he created his own city Firuzabad

Babar's son Humayun, in 1530 AD, built a fort on one of the oldest settlements and called it Dinpanah. The afghan king, Sher Shah Suri, wrested control from Humayun and built Dilli in 1542, encompassing a very large area.



The Mughal emperor Shah Jahan built his fort, the Lal Qila and the huge well laid out city, Shahjahanabad, in 1648 AD. It took 10 years to build. The city fort had 14 gates many of which still exists. This city survives as the old Delhi of today.

Finally, the British built New Delhi, south of Shahjahanabad and shifted their capital from Calcutta in 1931. In the six decades since the creation of New Delhi as the Capital of British India, the city has undergone a sea change. Made initially to cater to a population of 70,000, the total urban population of Delhi now exceeds 8 million. The city has exploded in all directions beyond the confines of Lutyen's wide, tree-lined avenues, with an exuberance that is characteristically Indian.



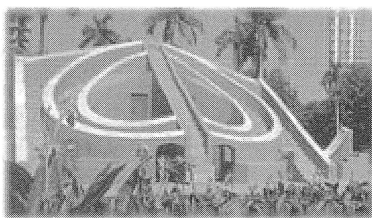
Several factors have contributed to this breathless pace of growth. For North India, especially, Independence also meant Partition. In 1947, many Muslim families of Delhi migrated to Pakistan while many Hindus and Shikhs from west Punjab sought refuge in the city. They were given land west of the Ridge and south of New Delhi. Many of these refugees also built their houses across the Yamuna and north of Shahjahanabad.



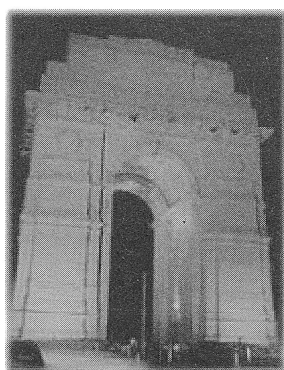
Since then, the influx into the city hasn't ceased. The manpower required by the Government in the Capital is itself staggering. Industrialists, Entrepreneurs and migrant labour from all over India have turned to Delhi in search of livelihood and success, and made it a commercial capital as well. The cultivated fields which till recently could be seen on the outskirts of the city, have been developed into residential colonies and commercial complexes.

High-rise buildings now stand cheek-by-jowl with Delhi's 1300 monuments. Villages such as Khirkee, Begumpur, Hauz Khas, Sheikh Sarai and Nizamuddin which grew around medieval Delhi's shifting capital cities, have now been engulfed by the urban sprawl. Many of them, however, retain their old-world characteristics





The line of distinction between Old and New Delhi has begun to blur - north, south, east and west Delhi are more prevalent terms of demarcation. The facilities and opportunities available in Delhi have attracted Indians from far-flung corners of the country, making it a melting pot of sorts. On the other hand, the presence of diplomatic and trade mission, the growing number of multi-national companies and foreign investors, and the influx of tourists and visiting professionals have given the city, especially its southern and central parts, a cosmopolitan air.



The coexistence of the past and the present at many levels characterizes Delhi, as it does India. The assimilation of a specific cultural influence is expressed differently by people living in different parts of the city, a fact which offers insights into the social strata. South Delhi is undoubtedly the trend-setter, and the fashions and lifestyle introduced here become the aspirations of many. There are however, dramatic differences in localities, standards of living and adherence to traditions.



Delhi is one of the most historic capitals in the world and two of its monuments- the Qutb Minar and Humayun's Tomb - have been declared World Heritage Sites. It is also one of the greenest capitals. For the visitor, it serves as a perfect introduction to the cultural wealth, the complexities and dynamism of India.

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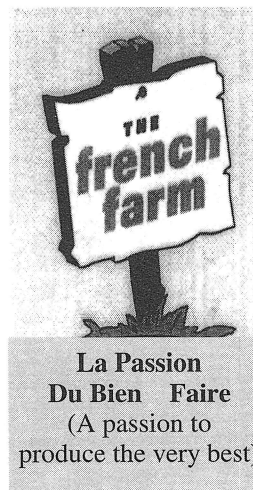
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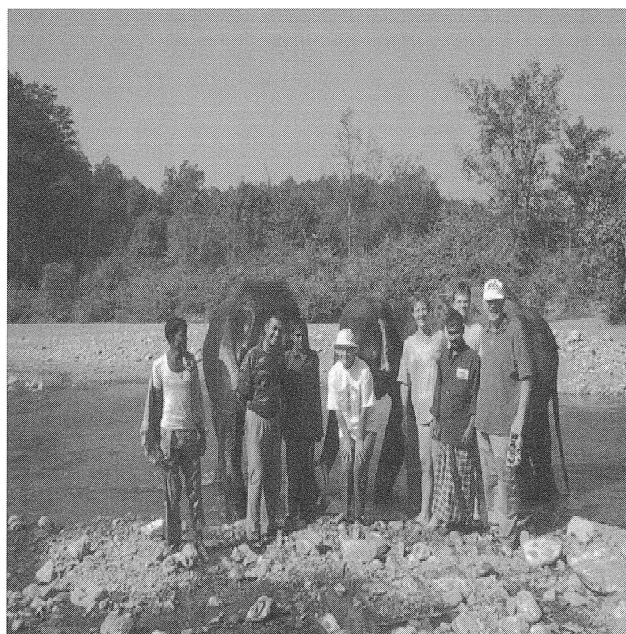
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Elephant Safari

At the beginning of November, when my family were here on holiday, we planned what we hoped would be an interesting trip into the forests around Corbett National Park. The actual park doesn't open until the middle of November, but the resort we stayed in arranged an elephant safari, which turned out to be quite memorable, and was definitely the highlight of our holiday. The Infinity Resort has 2 elephants. When the park is closed they sometimes use them for trips to Sitabani, which is in the buffer zone of the park, and supports a wide range of wildlife. We left the resort very early on the first day of our trip, and it took us 45 minutes to drive to the elephant meeting point. I found out later that it takes 12 hours for the elephants to do the same journey, but they don't use the main roads and stay on forest tracks as much as possible. We were introduced to our elephants, Chanchal, a 60 year old female, and Jumpa, a mere 'girl' of 40 years. They eyed us warily, chewing steadily on their breakfast leaves. They were both wearing their howdahs, and the mahoots were ready to go. We stood looking up at these huge animals, and then looked round for a stepladder --- how else were we to get up there? We soon found out. Chanchal was ordered to lie down, and we were told to stand first on her bent back leg, and then on to her tail which was being held up like a stirrup. From there it was a case of climbing up her back, using the support ropes of the howdah. I could see my mother pale visibly, but thanks to lots of yoga, she managed, and by the third day was leaping up and down like an expert. So with 2 people on Jumpa, and 3 on Chanchal we set off at a slow lumbering pace. In her excitement Fiona (our daughter) dropped her lens cover, and with one word from our mahoot, Chanchal picked it up with her trunk and handed it to him. We crossed a dry river bed, and started along a sandy track. Suddenly Jumpa stopped, snorted and thumped her trunk on the ground. The mahoot pointed out a set of 'pug' (tiger) prints --- they were huge, and very clear. The tiger had walked down the track we were walking along, for several kms.

'After the big bath'



We soon discovered that Chanchal was a real 'grazer', and stopped whenever possible for a snack, bull-rushes being a special favourite. After half an hour our mahoot got down to walk with the guide, and Alan was left in charge of 35,000 kgs of elephant !! We soon left the track and headed into thick virgin forest, which looked impassable. The undergrowth was mostly Lantana, which smells lovely when 'bruised'. Overhanging branches or trees in our way were quickly dispatched with one twist of a trunk. We encountered some newly erected wire fences, which the elephants were able to nudge gently with their trunks, until the wire was low enough for them to step daintily over. The mahoot then straightened the posts, and you would never have known we had been there. We stopped for a breakfast of egg sandwiches and bananas, both of which the elephants enjoyed as much as us. After 4 hours of walking through forest, and along rivers, we reached Sitabani. The bungalow, set high above a river, with the Nainital Ridge in the distance, belongs to the Forestry Department. No electricity, and only cold water didn't bother us at all. It was so peaceful, with nothing but bird song and the sound of the river. Waiting for us was our own chef (from the resort) who produced great food on 2 gas rings, and a waiter to serve us. It must have been like in the Raj!

'Arrival at Sitabani'

Getting off the elephant is done from the front. When it has been persuaded to lie down, you simply climb out of the howdah, slide down the back of the neck, landing neatly on a bent front leg. It was now time for lunch, for us and the elephants. They were 'undressed' and given a huge mountain of foliage that had been cut down from tall ficus trees, by a young boy, who was the mahoot's assistant.

At suppertime we helped feed them 6 large chapattis, which they didn't enjoy at all, but as this is the way medicine and food supplements are given, it is important they get used to eating them.

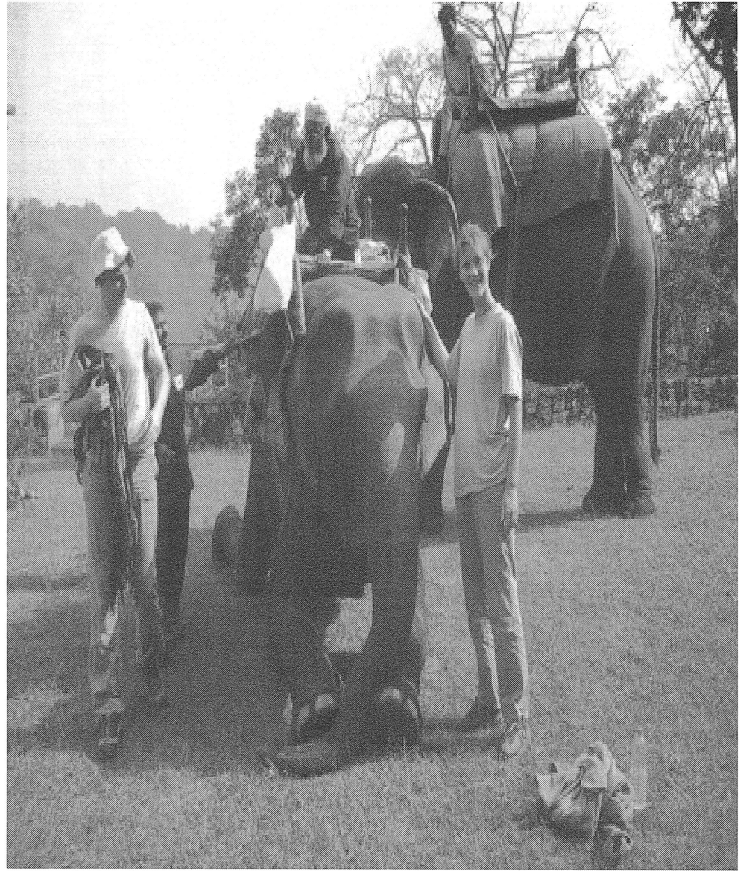
The time spent at Sitabani was so relaxing, we didn't want to leave. We climbed back on the elephants for walks in the forest at dusk and dawn, and although we saw loads of new bird species, deer, and prints of panther and leopard, the tigers kept a low profile.

On our second day there, we were invited to help bath the elephants. We followed them down a steep path to the river, where they got quite excited, snorting, trumpeting, and banging their trunks on the water. When the mahoots had found a stretch of water deep enough, the elephants were encouraged to lie on their sides, so they could be given a good wash. This was done with carefully selected rocks, and we all helped -- there is an awful lot of elephant to scrub!! Standing waist deep in the river, giving Chanchal a pedicure is a memory I shall treasure for a long time.

I also enjoyed sitting behind her head, nudging her gently behind her ears, to guide her along the tracks. She behaved very well, until she saw something interesting to eat, when it was a case of Chanchal being in charge, not me!!!!

We were all sorry to say goodbye to these gentle giants, but I know we will return, and as 'elephants never forget', hopefully they will be pleased to see us again, remembering all the bananas we fed them.!!

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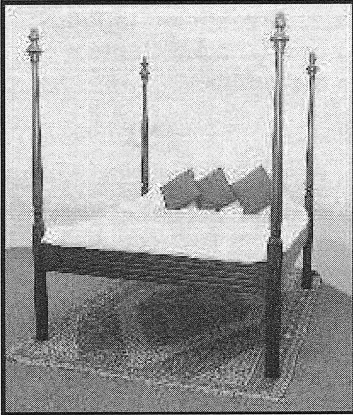
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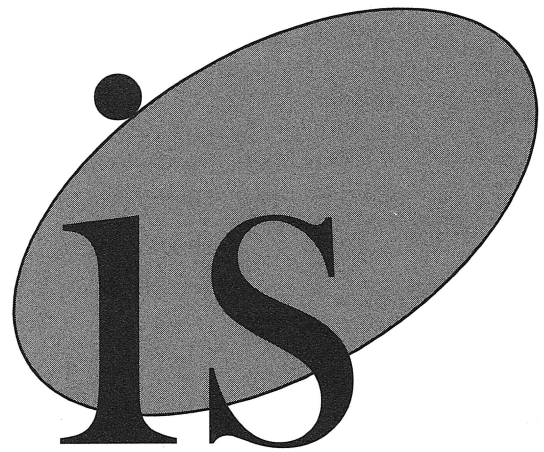
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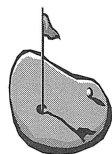
Football

Various embassies have joined together to form a soccer competition. Contact your Embassies for details.



Gliding

Daily rides from 1 pm til sunset every day except Wednesdays. At Delhi Gliding Club, Safdarjung Airport (phone 463-8052). Cost of flight per person Rs.75.



Golf

Delhi Golf Club
Dr Zakir Hussain Marg, tel. 436-2768 or 436-2235



Polo

Army Polo & Riding Club,
Tel: 569-9444/555
The Indian Polo Association,
Tel: 301-5604
Polo Season: October-February



Ladies Open Tennis at AES

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.30-11.30 at the American Embassy clay courts (entry Gate 3). No need to call first. If you know how to play, just turn up with your racket, ready to enjoy the game and the company. Players at all levels (other than absolute beginners) are most welcome. Lessons for beginners are available through the DLTA (details given below). Get started and then come along too!

Delhi Lawn Tennis Association, Africa Avenue, Telephone 617-6140 or 619-3955



Sailing

Defence Services Sailing Club,
Tel: 301-9604



Shooting

Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range,
Surajkund Road, Tel: 698-6802

Help us keep the Newsletter up to date. Let us know if you discover any new activities to add or items to change if they are out of date. Drop your comments off at the Delhi Network Office or call one of the Editors.

Twas The Day After Christmas

The toys were all broken, their batteries dead;
Santa passed out, with some ice on his head.

Wrapping and ribbons just covered the floor,
while upstairs the family continued to snore.

And I in my T-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans,
I went into the kitchen and started to clean.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the sink to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the curtains, and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a little white truck, with an oversized mirror.

The driver was smiling, so lively and grand;
The patch on his jacket said "POSTMAN."

With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox.
Then quickly he stuffed them into our mailbox.

Bill after bill, after bill, they still came.

Whistling and shouting he called them by name:
"Now Dillard's, now Broadway's, now Penny's and
Sears
Here's Robinson's, Levitz's and Target and
Mervyn's.

To the tip of your limit, every store, every mall,
Now charge away--charge away--charge away all!"

He whooped and he whistled as he finished his work.
He filled up the box, and then turned with a jerk.

He sprang to his truck and he drove down the road,
Driving much faster with just half a load.

Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer,
"Enjoy what you got. . . . you'll be paying all year!"

Notice Board

CAUGHT SHORT IN KHAN MARKET!

For those of you who spend time in Khan market with your legs crossed, as I often did, suffer no more.

There are superb facilities in the front corner across from the old "Anokhi". There is a Rs2/- charge. They are very clean, but alas, no tissues. Well we can't have everything can we?

Chris Foster

WARNING!!!!!!

Recently I went shopping with my driver and cook. They wanted to make some purchases at Sarogini market. I decided to wait for them in the car. Shortly after they left, someone tapped on the window on the side where I was sitting and pointed to the ground. Being curious, I opened the car door saw about one hundred 10 rupee notes scattered on the ground. I was surprised, and reached down and picked some up to see if it was real money because I couldn't figure out why none of the many people standing around were not picking up the money. As I got back into the car someone opened the car door on the opposite side and was reaching for my purse. I yelled at him and luckily I was able to snatch my purse away from him. So be warned lock your car doors and don't allow strangers in!!!



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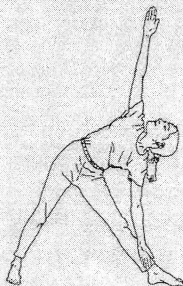
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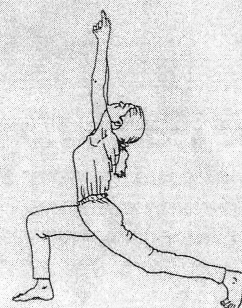


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Surrounded by the natural beauty and peaceful atmosphere of Neemrana Hotel's "The Glass House", situated alongside the River Ganges just north of Rishikesh, we will use this time away from the pressures and noise of the city to learn postures, breathing techniques and practices leading to meditation. We will explore the teachings that form the basis for Hatha Yoga and integrate those simple yet profound teachings to help take us deeper into the practice.

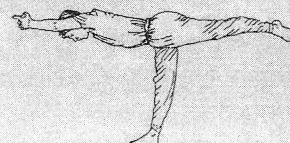
The program will include morning and evening sessions of asanas, pranayama and meditation, alongwith daily talks and discussions related to the theory and practice of Yoga. There will be time to relax, to enjoy walks through the beautiful natural surroundings, and to visit Rishikesh.

For further information please contact:

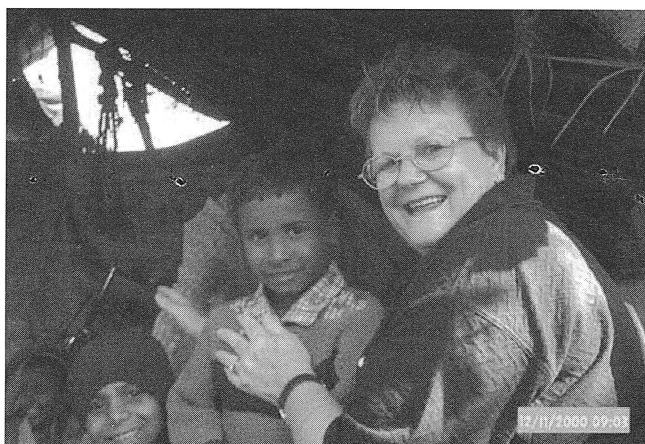
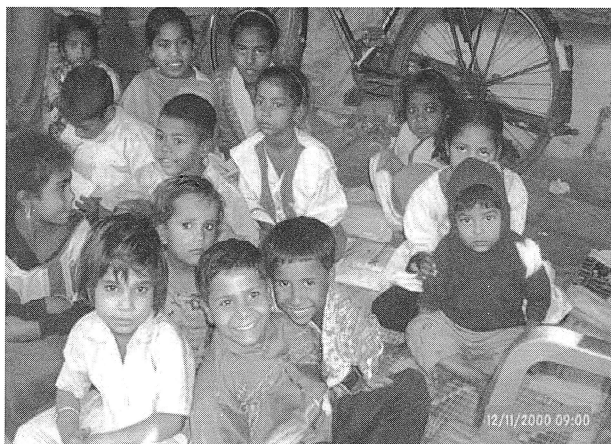
Susie Roy

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e-mail: susieroy@pobox.com



JUMPERS FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE SLUMS



The Needlenut Group have been knitting "jhuggi" jumpers during the past 12 months for the children living in the slum areas of Delhi.

In early December, with the help of Mr Verma from the World Vision Foundation, we visited a small school in an area just behind the Red Fort. The schoolchildren were sitting on a mat with just plastic sheeting as the roof. Their smiles were just beautiful, and they all wanted their photograph taken!

You do not need to be a member of Needlenuts to knit jumpers for the children, if you would like a copy of the pattern (it is very basic) contact either Lyn Moss # 621 5065 or Sue Lohage # 622 3344

Something to do

Adult Education

The American Embassy School offers evening courses.

Contact the school for current programme/fees. Tel: 611-7140 or 611-7146.

Spring session: Feb./March.

Fall session: September

Aerobics

Mandy Dakin has been teaching aerobics for the last 10 years. Trained in London, she spent the last 7 years teaching a variety of classes in a large chain of gyms based in 'the city' of London. Her aim is to make fitness fun and accessible to all. She is now teaching at the following times and venues:

Mondays at ACSA

6 7 pm

(Aqua Aerobics)

Tuesdays at ACSA

9 10 am

Wednesdays ACSA 6 7 pm

(Aqua Aerobics)

Tuesdays at the British High

Commission 6.15 7.15 pm

Thursdays at ACSA 9 10 am

Thursdays at the British High Commission 6.15 7.15 pm

All classes are a mixture of mainly low impact and high impact moves followed by toning for the legs, abdominal, butt and upper body.

Tuesday evening's class at the BHC is body conditioning only. She hopes to begin aqua classes shortly. For further information call Mandy on 614-5818. Please bring water and a mat to the class.



Bridge

Ex-pat Bridge Group that meets on Mondays is looking for keen bridge players to join:

Call: Lynn Baynman 6877489

Rekha Sarin 684 0964

Annette O'Silva 506 4512



Babies and Toddlers

To all Mums feeling lonely, need a chat, or the kids are driving you up the wall? Call for social meetings for Mums and little kids, Ingrid Crookshanks on 98110 93622 or Manju Isaacs 649-1397.

Dance and Fitness Centre

In a superb wooden-floored studio near Lodhi Gardens, 21/A Amrita Shergill Marg. Classes include stretch, body toning, modern dance, jazz dance, aerobics and personalised fitness. Call Anne Devayani 463-6772.

DCWA

Delhi Commonwealth Women's Association is an international group which runs various social events as well as a clinic for the poor. They are always looking for items for the pharmacy. Call Amina Singh on 614-5986 or 614-6023 for details.

Delhi Christian Fellowship

Every Sunday at 9 am there is a church service at the Hyatt Regency Hotel with a Sunday School for children during the service plus bible study and a youth group.

French Lessons

By a French national and graduate of Sorbonne-Paris University. Beginners or advanced levels. Call Anne Chaymotty-Devayani on 463- 6772, fax 463-3404

French speaking

Groupe Francophone de Delhi. All French speakers welcome (whatever your nationality, whatever your level). This group runs an extensive range of cultural events, tours, lectures and get-togethers. Call Hélène Cazalet on 464-3682.

German

Conversation Group

If you like speaking German, (any level) and want to keep up or deepen your knowledge, please join us. We meet every 2nd Monday at 3 pm. For information call Karin Weselscheid on 612-3405 or Brunhilde Gupta on 696-2708.

Glow

The Global League of Women is an organisation which promotes international friendships and understanding of different cultures. Call Serita Kakar 461-9627 for details.



Hindi Lessons

Chaya Bhattacharya is a qualified tutor and is also willing to teach on the Bhagvad Gita. Call 462-4704.

Indian Cookery

Amita Khosla will teach you how to produce authentic Indian meals using ingredients available in the West. Call 469-2544 mornings.

Mah-Jong and Canasta Classes

Lessons with Risham Chawla, 2-4pm on Wednesdays at N-21 Panchshila Park.

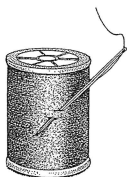
Costs Rs 250 per session for a four-session course. Proceeds go to charity. Call 649-7025.

Naviyoti Delhi Police Foundation

Runs a school and nursery in a slum area at Yamuna Pushta. Volunteer nurses, health and nursery workers are needed. For more information please contact Pamela Anderson on 410 3873

Needlenuts

Group meets Thursday 10.00-12.00 in different homes each week. Come and go as you please, work on what you like. Call Lynn Moss on 621-5065



Newcomers

Every Tuesday, 10-12 am, in Boardroom 2 at the Hyatt, to the right of the Ballroom, for an informative get-together over coffee and cakes. Oldies are also welcome to share their experiences.

Patchwork & Quilting Group

Meets every Monday morning, 10 am to 12 mid-day. Beginners welcome! Contact Phil Thomas on 506-5569.

Piano Lessons

American concert pianist Roberta Swedien has 28 years teaching experience and is giving lessons in her Defence Colony music studio. These lessons can include music history, theory, composition, form and analysis and performance as well as technique and repertoire. For intermediate and advanced students only. Call Roberta for details on 461-0918.



Tushita Meditation Centre

Women's spiritual development group, which meets every Wednesday at 10.30 am. They organise healing workshops on yoga, Reiki, tai-chi, etc. Teaching by Buddhist lama. Call Renuka Singh on 651- 8248 for details.

Scottish Country Dancing

Thursdays 8 pm in the British High Commission hall. Don't worry if you have two left feet!

Contact Maureen Sachdev 463-3658 Ext. 207



Silk Painting

An introduction to silk painting. Learn the basic techniques using water based paint. Minimum time needed would be five mornings only. Instruction can be given in French, Dutch or English. If interested, please call Sylvie Kuenzi, phone 463-3644.



Spanish Lessons

Instituto Hispania offers classes in Spanish language, following a communicative methodology derived as a result of extensive number of studies in the field of teaching Spanish as a foreign language. The teachers are Spanish nationals as well as postgraduates from leading Indian and Spanish universities. Y-10 Green Park, behind McDonalds, phone 696-8016, 8043

UNITED Nations Women's Association

Offers a varied programme of informative and social activities, and supports a kindergarten for under-privileged children. For details call Nala on 615 3804 or Violetta on 696 4637

Yoga

User Friendly Hatha Yoga Mansoor and Susie Roy teach at Tushita Buddhist Centre. Manoor is an International teacher with many years of experience in guiding students both in the practice of Yoga and meditation. Both Manoor and Susie teach the tradition of Swami Sivananda and Swami Vishnudevananda. Private and group classes can be arranged. Please call Susie Roy 4652581

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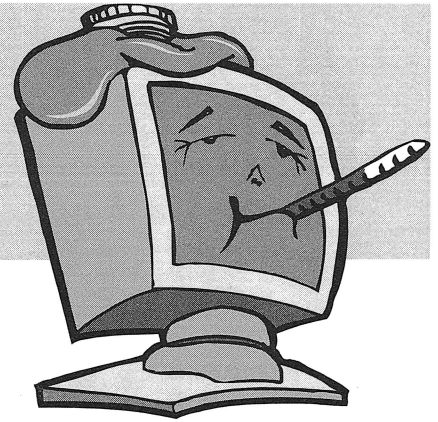
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COMPUTER PAGE.



Q: I have a 3.5 floppy disk that I can't put any data on. The computer says it's "write protected". What does that mean?

A:

3.5 floppies can be write protected by sliding a little tab so it exposes a small hole in the upper right-hand corner of the disk (the slider is on the back side of the disk).

If the hole is open, the disk can't be written to. If the hole is closed, it can. Just slide the tab to your preference.

Note that some disks, especially the kind you get from a software company, may be read-only.

Save That E-Mail!

(This tip is for Outlook Express & Netscape Messenger e-mail clients. If you use something else, this may or may not work)

Have you ever been typing a long e-mail and had the computer lock up?

All that hard work down the tubes. It's especially bad since most e-mail clients don't do a timed backup (like MS Word or WordPerfect).

Well, it doesn't have to be that way. As you're typing your e-mail, occasionally hit CTRL-S. That will save a copy of what you're working on in your Drafts folder. Then, if the computer locks up while you're typing, at least you'll have a saved copy.

Q:

How do I save pictures off of web pages?

A:

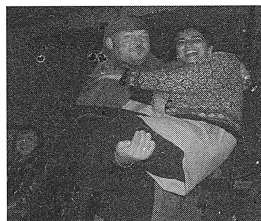
To save a picture from a web page to your computer, just right-click the image and select Save Picture As... from the little menu that pops up.

If you really like the picture, you can even set it as your wallpaper from that same menu. Just make sure the image is big enough. If it's too small, it won't work out very well.

GUESS WHO THIS IS??

There was a party on Christmas Eve, so if you were there I am very sorry but you cannot enter this guessing competition!!

Who are the two people in this photograph? If you are the first person to write both their names Jeannine, you could win a dinner for



two!

To be eligible for the prize, you must be at this morning's meeting



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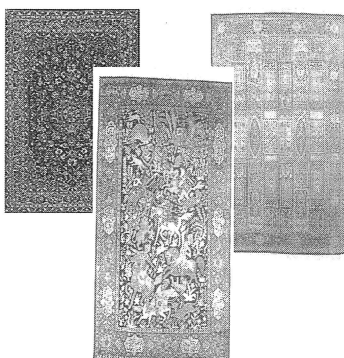
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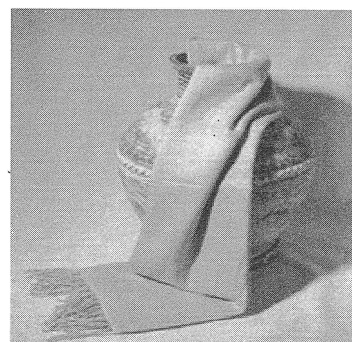
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A RESPONSE TO THE BANK

This is an actual letter sent to a Bank in the US. The bank thought it amusing enough to publish it in the New York Times.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing the cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations some three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque, and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire salary, an arrangement which, I admit, has only been in place for eight years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account with \$50 by way of penalty for the inconvenience I caused your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. You have set me on the path of fiscal righteousness. No more will our relationship be blighted by these unpleasant incidents, for I am restructuring my affairs in 2000, taking as my model the procedures, attitudes and conduct of your very bank.

I can think of no greater compliment, and I know you will be excited and proud to hear it. To this end, please be advised about the following:

First, I have noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you I am confronted by the impersonal, ever-changing, pre-recorded, faceless entity, which your bank has become. From now on I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh and blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will, therefore and hereafter, no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee of your branch, whom you must nominate. You will be aware that it is an offence under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an application

Contact Status, which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him

or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Justice of the Peace, and that the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number, which he/she must quote in all dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modelled it on the number of button presses required to access my account balance on your phone bank service.

Let me level the playing field even further by introducing you to my new telephone system, which you will notice, is very much like yours. My Authorised Contact at your bank, the only person with whom I will have any dealings, may call me at any time and will be answered by an automated voice. By pressing Buttons on the phone, he/she will be guided through an extensive set of menus:

1. To make an appointment to see me.
2. To query a missing repayment.
3. To make a general complaint or inquiry.
4. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there; extension of living room to be communicated at the time the call is received.
5. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping; extension of bedroom to be communicated at the time the call is received.
6. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature; extension of toilet to be communicated at the time the call is received.
7. To transfer the call to my mobile phone in case I am not home.
8. To leave a message on my computer. To leave a message a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated at a later date to the contact.
9. To return to the main menu and listen carefully to options 1 through 9.

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The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.

While this may on occasion involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration. This month I've chosen a refrain from 'The Best Of Woody Guthrie':
"Oh, the banks are made of marble
With a guard at every door
And the vaults are filled with silver
That the miners sweated for"

After twenty minutes of that, our mutual contact will probably know it all by heart.

On a more serious note, we come to the matter of cost. As your bank has often pointed out, the ongoing drive for greater efficiency comes at a cost -- a cost that you have always been quick to pass on to me. Let me repay your kindness by passing some costs back.

First, there is the matter of advertising material you send me. This I will read for a fee of \$20/page. Enquires from your nominated contact will be billed at \$5 per minute of my time spent in response. Any debits to my account, as, for example, in the matter of the penalty for the dishonoured cheque, will be passed back to you. My new phone service runs at 75 cents a minute (even Woody Guthrie doesn't come free), so you would be well advised to keep your enquires brief and to the point.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

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Mr. XYZ



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Beri
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Jennifer Del Carretto, 15 Ishwar Nagar
Tel: 683 5953

Philippa Fuller, F-9A Radhe Mohan Drive, Fatehpur
Beri
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Sensen Gube, 1st Fl., 16 Paschimi Marg, Vasant
Vihar
Tel: 614 2212

Karen Keller, J-8 Maharani Bagh
Tel: 6323999

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Servings: 4

Ingredients:

1/4 cup and 2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger root
2 dried red chili peppers
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
3/4 cup sour cream
3 pounds fresh spinach, torn
1 large tomato, quartered
4 sprigs fresh cilantro leaves
1/2 pound paneer
rock salt, to taste

Directions:

1. In a large saucepan heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil and saute garlic, 1/2 tablespoon of ginger, red chilies (optional ingredient) and onion until brown. Mix in the cumin, coriander, turmeric and sour cream (add more or less to achieve desired creaminess). Add the spinach, handfuls at a time until it is cooked down, about 15 minutes total. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly.
2. Pour spinach mixture into a blender or food processor and add the tomato, the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of ginger, and cilantro (add more or less according to taste). Blend for 15 to 30 seconds, or until the spinach is finely chopped. Pour back into the saucepan and keep warm over low heat.
3. In a medium frying pan heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat, and fry paneer until browned; drain and add to spinach. Cook for 10 minutes on low heat. Season with salt to taste.

Bunjal Chicken

This is a very delicious West Indian meal which can be eaten with rice, roti, bread or by itself. It uses garam masala, a blend of dry roasted, ground spices from the colder climes of northern India. 'Garam' is the Indian word for 'warm' or 'hot'; garam masala adds a sense of 'warmth' to both palate and spirit.

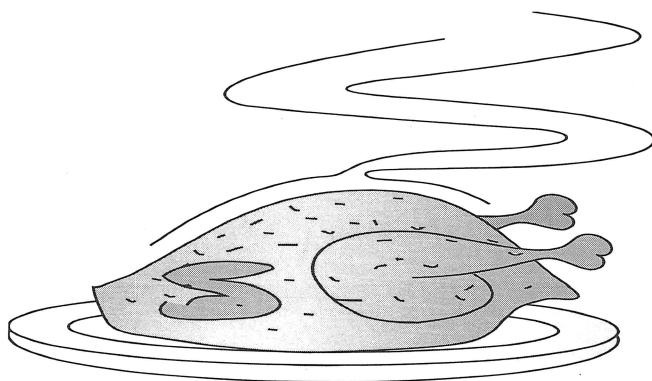
Servings: 6

Ingredients:

1 (2 to 3 pound) whole chicken
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 onion, thinly sliced
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon crushed garlic
1-1/2 teaspoons tomato paste
1/2 teaspoon garam masala
1 teaspoon curry powder
1/4 teaspoon celery salt
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup water

Directions:

1. Steam chicken with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 2 tablespoons olive oil. When chicken is properly steamed and appears brown, add the onion, pepper, garlic, tomato paste, garam masala, curry powder, seasoning to taste and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Mix all together, then add 1/4 cup water for the ingredients to steam. Steam all together about 5 more minutes.



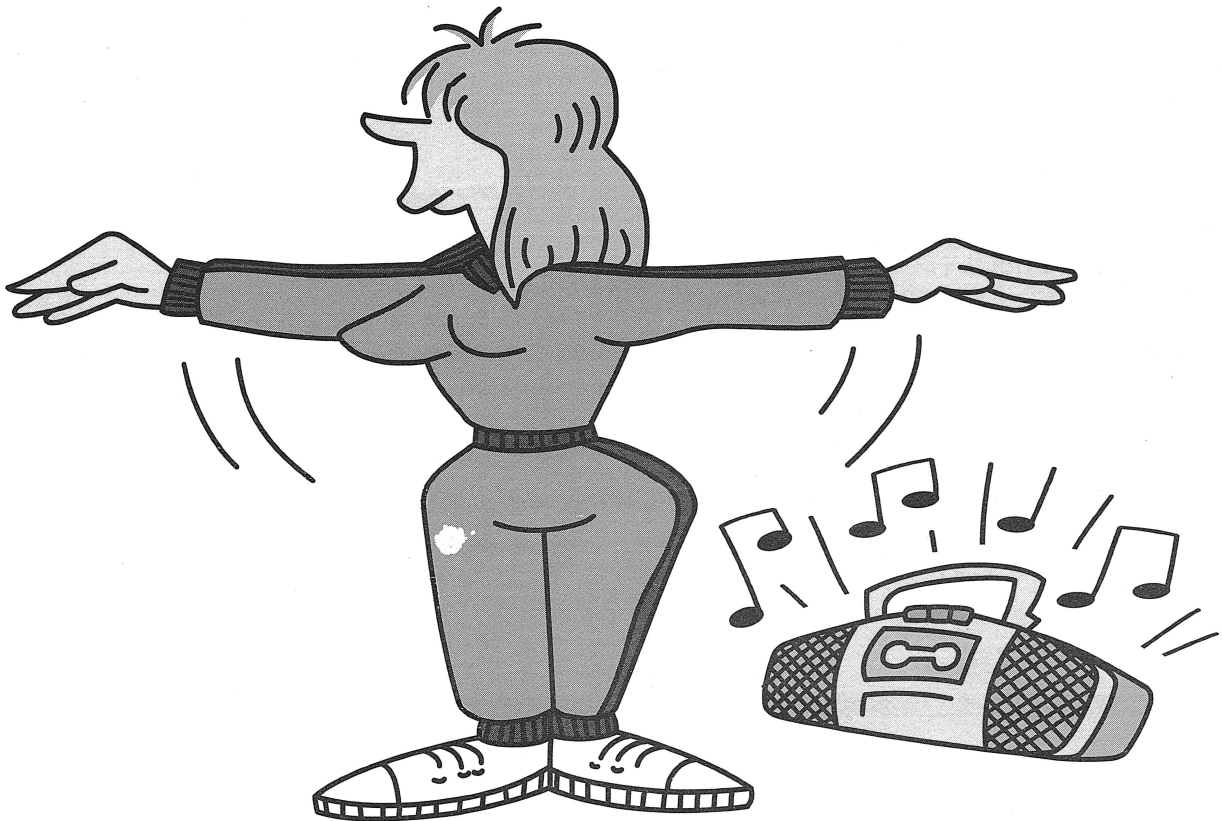
EXERCISE

It is well documented that for every mile you jog, you add one minute to your life. This enables you at 85 years of age to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at approximately \$5000.00 per month.

1. An elderly friend started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She is now 97 and we don't know where she is.
2. The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear what heavy breathing sounds like again.
3. I joined a health club last year. Spent about 400 bucks, haven't lost a pound. Apparently you actually GO there.
4. I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
5. I don't exercise at all. If God had meant us to touch our toes he would have put them further up on our bodies.
6. I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
7. I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.
8. The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.
9. If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a very small country.

And last, but not least:

10. I don't jog. It makes the ice jump right out of my glass.....



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(Thailand, Dvaravati, 8th century)

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In the first through fifth centuries both the Buddhist and Hindu religions spread and flourished throughout the enormous geographical area of Southeast Asia, creating a need for icons to worship. Artists in Thailand, Sri Lanka, Burma Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, and Vietnam used Indian models for their sacred and profane images. Although this common artistic heritage and the adoption of Sanskrit as a court language helped lend unity to these diverse cultures, their religious images evolved into different expressions.

Some of the finest Buddhist images were produced in Thailand in the seventh and eighth centuries, in the era of the Dvaravati kingdom (sixth to eleventh centuries), a culture defined largely by its uniform art style, since it is otherwise known only from a few Chinese references and inscriptions on three surviving Thai medals. At that time the Theravada form of Buddhism prevailed, an essentially monotheistic and monastic religion whose worship focused on the historical Buddha.



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On arrival at Tribhuvan airport the usual customs clearance went quite smoothly and we were glad that we had organized our visas in India beforehand, as the line up for visas on arrival was considerable to say the least. On collecting our luggage we met another Australian, *Andrea*, who was traveling alone, and we decided to share a taxi into Kathmandu.

As we left the main doors of the airport we were greeted by a placard-waving horde of taxi drivers and touts, who upon seeing us spilled through the police cordon and surrounded us (security is everywhere). The ensuing scene was a little chaotic to say the least. I was thinking this must have been what it was like for John, George, Paul and Ringo, when the police came to our rescue wielding their batons to clear a path through the crowd. On our safe return to the police cordon we were asked where we wanted to go and escorted without incident to a taxi.

The best way to avoid all the drama is to get a pre-paid taxi inside the terminal; the going rate is Rs 250 to Rs 300. As we found out the police also work on commission, and the drivers outside do not always take you to the destination of your choice.

We stayed in Freak Street, a budget part of town at the Century Lodge, which for Rs 300 a night per double with your own bathroom was clean with hot water. There was also a pleasant courtyard and restaurant.

Just around the corner is the Culture Café, a great place for breakfast, with a pleasant atmosphere. Next door is the Snowman, which will satisfy you with the best cake and coffee in town and for Rs 50 a head you can't beat it. (Chocolate banana was my favorite).

We found shopping around Kathmandu a pleasurable experience, the touts will leave you alone once you've said no a couple of times and dealing with store owners was always a pleasurable experience, although that can change in Thamel the more commercial part of town.

After a few days in Kathmandu we organized to go to Langtang National Park for some trekking. We rented all the necessary equipment from the very helpful Mr. Choekyap at the Sun Rise Trekking Shop at very reasonable prices. Our 120 km bus trip to our starting point at the village of Dhunche, was an adventure on its own, I feel it should be included as a new extreme sport.

There are only two directions in trekking; up and down, but we persevered and experienced some amazing landscape and beautiful people. The families we stayed with along the way are truly genuine and always made us feel welcome. A good meal and bed does wonders for total exhaustion.

Back in Kathmandu we went on numerous day trips. Bhaktapur is worth a visit if you have a day or two to spare. The local sweet shops are well worth checking out.

Obviously we had been breathing the thin air of the mountains too much when we made the decision to travel to "The Last Resort" for the day, where we would stand on a span bridge 160m (500 ft) over the Bhote Kosi River and bungee jumped. (*It's true, you can smell fear*) It's well worth the trip up there even if you don't want to do the jump.

We had many experiences in Nepal, too many to mention here, and like a lot of people we encountered who had already made several visits, we will be returning to this amazing country.

*Karen & Steve Romain
Travelers from Australia
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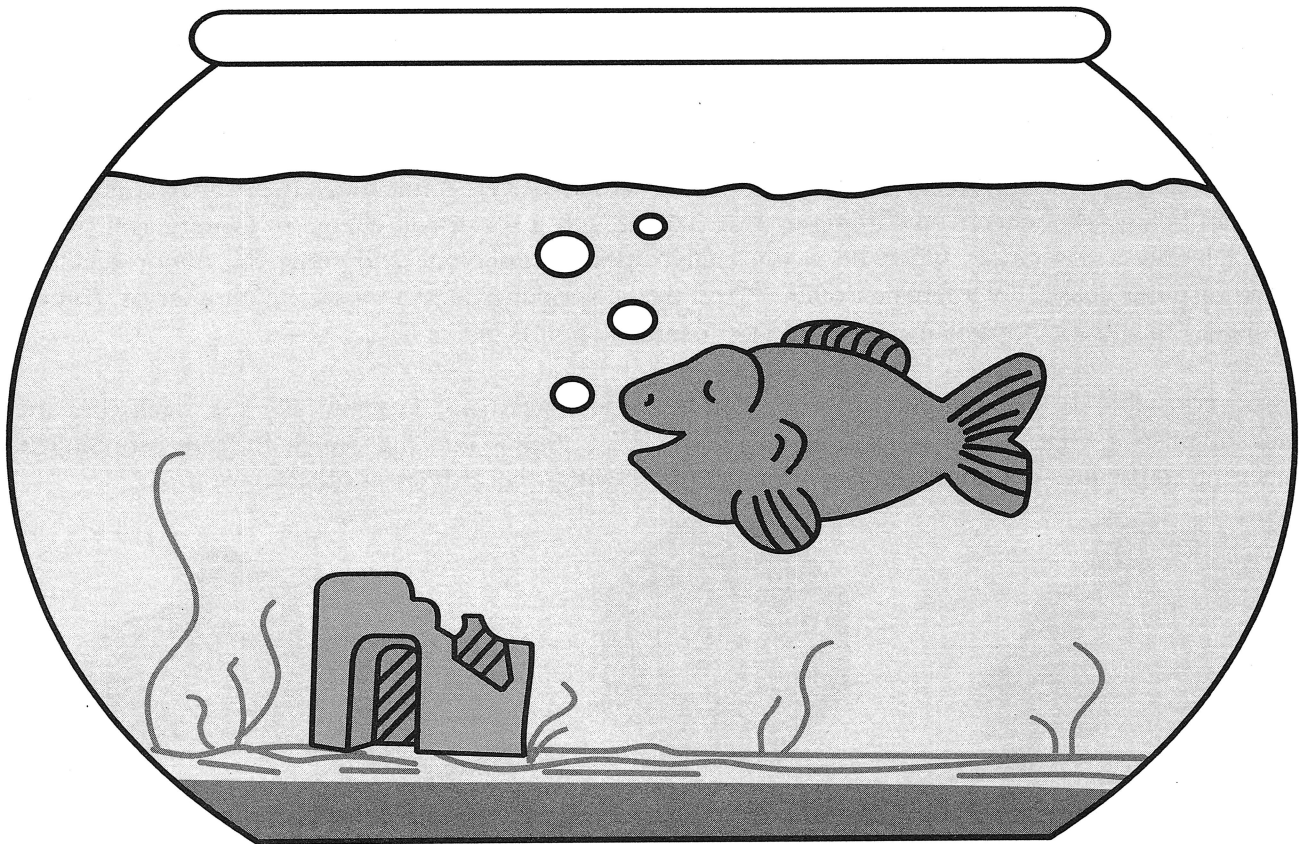
1 1/2 cups of water
3/4 cup of salt
1 tablespoon of cream of tartar
3 tablespoons of vegetable oil
1 1/2 of white flour
food colouring

Bring the water to a boil, then turn the burner down to low. Add the salt. Slowly stir in cream of tartar, vegetable oil, and then the flour. Keep stirring for about 5 minutes. If the play dough is too dry, keep adding water a teaspoon at a time. If it is too wet, keep stirring over low heat. Allow the play dough to cool on wax paper. Knead the food colouring into the play dough.

Finger Paint

1/2 cup cornstarch
1 cup cold water
1 package of unflavored gelatin
2 cups of boiling water
food colouring

In a saucepan, stir in cornstarch with 3/4 cup of cold water. Soak gelatin in 1/4 cup of cold water. Boil water and slowly pour over the cornstarch and water mixture, while stirring. While stirring constantly, cook over medium heat until mixture boils for several minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in the gelatin. Divide into sections and add food colouring until desired colour is achieved.



Steer clear of the woman driver!

by Manjari Mishra

LUCKNOW: Forgive the woman driver who bumps into your stationary car the next time for she probably knows not why and what she did. The reason why women generally tend to be poor drivers, a section of neurologists would have us believe, is far beyond their control.

The faculty of “spatial orientation” in the female brain is certainly less compared to that in the male brain, says Dr. U K Mishra, professor and head of neurology, SGPGI. Therefore, women tend to find negotiating spaces a tougher job.

Poor spatial orientation also explains why there are not many successful astronauts or pilots around despite all the opportunities, adds Dr. Jayanti Kalita, associate professor, neurology SGPGI.

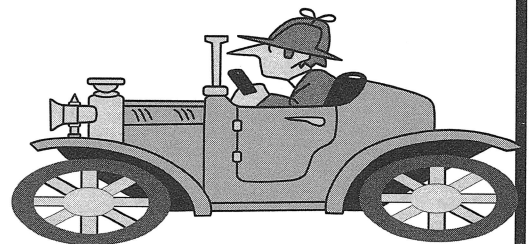
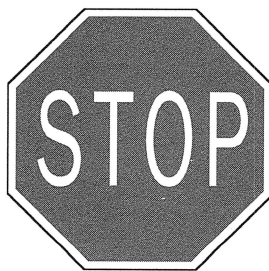
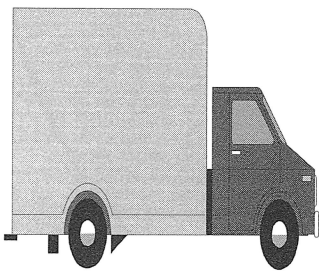
So, while Prabhu Preet Singh, owner of Masters Motor Training School, may not have heard of spatial orientation, he knows after years of experience in dealing with females learning to drive that the hand that rocks the cradle shakes far more while gripping the steering wheel. It is decidedly more difficult to teach females to drive, says Singh. Reasons vary from lack of traffic sense and rules to poor judgment and a pronounced tendency to panic when faced with a heavier vehicle. “A woman driver would rather get off the main road at the sight of an approaching bus or a truck,” Singh says. In contrast, the male driving students show ample “killing instinct” and are not intimidated that easily, he declares.

M S Viridi, an instructor with Capital Training School, is a little more cautious but admits that men are quick learners. They grasp certain skills like maneuvering between two poles or reversing their vehicles faster and better.

Krishan Mohan Bajpai of Rajdhani Motor Training School complains that women get flustered too often and very quickly. However, women are more obedient and follow instructions to the “T” unlike the males, he adds.

Not surprisingly, the number of accidents involving female drivers is far more than those committed by a man behind the wheel. According to L K Tomar, sub-inspector-in-charge of Gomtinagar police station, hardly a day passes when he is not called upon to intervene and settle the minor accident related disputes caused by a female driver. “And this is speaking quite a lot as the number of women drivers in Lucknow cannot be more than 15 per cent,” he points out.

Traffic constable Leki Ram Gupta, who managed the Hazartganj crossing till last week, has an interesting list of what “only a woman driver would do”: bumping into the vehicle in front, stopping at the wrong traffic line, and most of all picking up a fight with other drivers at the drop of a hat.



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- preside at all meetings of Delhi Network and at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board and shall not take part in any voting during the Board Meetings except to resolve a tied vote;
 - supervise plans for extending, unifying and rendering more efficient the activities of Delhi Network;
 - approve all programmes and activities;
 - approve all bills before payment approve all correspondence written in the name of Delhi Network;
 - appoint or dissolve any committees as circumstances arise with Board approval.
- B. **Vice-President** The Vice-President shall:
- assume the duties of the President in their absence and such duties as the President delegates;
 - be responsible for organising the regular meetings;
 - be responsible for arranging a speaker/program for the regular meetings, with the assistance of the Programs Chairperson.
- C. **Secretary** - The Secretary shall:
- keep a record of the proceedings of all Board meetings and make one copy available on file in the office, prepare copies of such minutes for the following Board meeting;
 - prepare responses to all letters directed to Delhi Network and submit them to the President for approval;
 - maintain a file of all correspondence pertaining to the general running of Delhi Network;
 - maintain the permanent records of Delhi Network.
- D. **Treasurer** The Treasurer shall:
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